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A NEWLY FORMED CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY AT KITANO, DIOCESE OF OSAKA, JAPAN,
UNDER THE DIRECTION OF FR. BOSQUET.

Although Japan, at present, seems to be an unfertile soil for the word of God, there are hopeful signs, as the above interesting photograph reveals.

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In the matter of a monthly issue of *The Field Afar*, we are clinging to our resolution to first enroll FIVE THOUSAND NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

Had we the time we could go out and get them, but bi-location is not one of our endowments, and we must be content to 'hasten slowly,' at this important period of our work. We are pleased to record, however, a steadily increasing patronage, due to interested readers in all parts of this country, and we may add, in Europe.

NEW subscriptions have been a special source of encouragement to us since our last issue of *THE FIELD AFAR*. In the past two weeks, to give an instance, we recorded nearly two hundred new names, sixty-two of which represented *Associate Subscriptions*.

FROM various sections of the United States evidences are coming to all centres interested, of a deepening missionary spirit. This is noticeable, especially among the priests, who realize every day more fully that 'the best way to strengthen faith at home is to help send it afar.'

It is remarked, too, in the increasing space given by Catholic papers to the spread of this spirit.

If such space has been withheld until recently the fault does not lie altogether with the editors; and in many instances no criticism can be justly made of their silence.

It is well known that the output of mission news, prepared in readable English, has in the past been limited, and some of this has doubtless never fallen under the eyes of the average

editor; or if it has bobbed up in the pile of exchanges, local preoccupations, the defence of the Church, and the conservation of his native heath, have withheld the Catholic editor's eyes,—and his pen.

But now,—there is a decided change! The editors who give most space to live mission news, and to paragraphs bearing on the apostolic spirit tell us frankly that no department in their paper is more genuinely appreciated.

An instance comes to our mind of a Catholic paper, widely circulated, which was on the point, some years ago, of refusing a weekly installment of items about the propagation of faith in heathen lands.

To-day that editor would consider it a serious loss to his paper if this particular contribution were withdrawn or transferred.

Catholic editors frequently complain about a lack of subscribers. To such we presume to whisper—that a deepened interest manifested, by means of editorials especially, may re-act with surprisingly good results on their circulation. God appreciates the world-wide heart.

IT was a pleasant surprise,—like an unexpected and glorious burst of sun after a dark day.

We had set our hearts on rousing some interest in a certain diocese, which up to now, for one reason or another, does not seem to have caught the missionary spirit.

A carefully worded letter went to every priest, appealing for prayer-interest and for an associate subscription to *THE FIELD AFAR* (which could be secured for one dollar).

With an experience born of some years, and ripened by a forced study of psychology as it affects the average American priest, we enclosed a *return envelope*.

Could we have afforded it—this envelope would have been stamped, but the careful watch-dog of our treasury barked,—so the envelopes did not come back.

Why? Not because our good confrères were all indifferent to the cause we plead.

No. A stamp was not within reach, or the letter-box was inconveniently situated, or our envelope got mixed with some advertisement and found its way into that other priest's wastebasket in place of ours. This is probably the reason why the individual American priest, though he occasions a burden to the letter carrier, rarely causes it.

So we were beginning to deplore our losses of paper, stamps, printing

and time, when suddenly, an envelope came in from the black-marked diocese. It contained a check for one hundred dollars, signed by a priest, and donated, according to his letter, by a 'friend who did not wish his name to be mentioned.'

We ask prayers for the fuller development of a missionary spirit in this country, a goodly number of vocations, and benefactors sufficient to start and to sustain this much-needed enterprise for God and souls.

FURTHER TRIBUTE FROM THE HIERARCHY.

ARDENT supporters of the cause, both here and in the field itself, always remark with special pleasure the growing interest of the American hierarchy in foreign missions. This interest is the more to be applauded since the pre-occupations of an American prelate are many and absorbing. In the present issue of our paper our friends will be glad to read further episcopal commendation of the new Seminary.

SS. Peter and Paul's Cathedral,
Alton, Ill.

The Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America is hereby heartily approved and every success and blessing cordially invoked in its behalf.

(Signed) JAMES RYAN,
Bp. of Alton.

EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE,
GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.,
March 14th, 1912.

The aim of the "Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America" is most noble and I hope that the means of attaining it will not be wanting.

Sincerely yours in Xt.,
†HENRY JOSEPH RICHTER,
Bp. of Gr. Rapids.

BOISE, IDAHO, March 15, 1912.

I heartily commend the "Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America." It was high time to establish such a Society, and I wish it success in its noble work.

With my blessing and prayers, I beg to remain,

Yours sincerely,
†A. J. GLORIEUX,
Bp. of Boise.

Indianapolis, Ind.

Bishop's House:

I pray God to bless the work, and hope the founders will fully realize their ambition, and do great work for the spread of the Church of Christ in heathen lands.

With best wishes,
Sincerely yours,
FRANCIS SILAS CHATARD.

"Peace and labor, and then an eternal repose in the bosom of the Saviour."
Bl. Théophane Vénard.

Belleville, Ill.

From all my heart I congratulate you in your undertaking to educate young clerics for the foreign missions, especially since Our Divine Lord Himself, through His Vicar, the Pope, has blessed your work. Wishing you all success I am

Yours truly in Christ,

(Signed) JOHN JANSSEN,
Bishop of Belleville.

Archbishop's House,

West Logan Square, Phila., Pa.

You have my cordial approval and my blessing in your great project for Foreign Missions.

Your zealous confrère is at present working in this city, and I have done all I could to make his appeal to our priests and people successful.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) E. F. PRENDERGAST,
Abp. of Phila.

416 West 12th Street,

Kansas City, Missouri.

I hope you will succeed with your Catholic Foreign Missionary College.

The extent of the heathen world is so appalling that no one blessed with divine faith can be indifferent to the work of the Christian missionary.

I am Rev. Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully in Christ,

(Signed) JOHN J. HOGAN,
Bp. of Kansas City.

Charleston, S. C.

Together with my brethren of the Hierarchy of the U. S. I very cordially send you my blessing on your new enterprise.

Our Lord said "Orate." St. Augustine says: "Laborare est orare." You propose to do both and I hope abundant success and a rich reward will crown your efforts to send laborers into the field ripe for the harvest.

Yours sincerely in Xt.,

(Signed) H. P. NORTROP,
Bp. of Charleston.

Bishop's House, Rockford, Ill.

God bless you and the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America! It is a noble and necessary work, and must bring many blessings on America. Every true Catholic must be in sympathy with the aims of the Society. You know from my conversations with you how deeply interested I am in this great work for the salvation of souls. May the prayers of Americans strengthen you and the generosity of Americans sustain you!

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) P. J. MULDOON.

Bishop's House, Green Bay, Wis.

Although there is lots of missionary work still to be done in the middle and far west of our country, we have arrived at such a stage that we can and ought to do more for the spread of Christ's Kingdom in the foreign missions. Hence I endorse and recommend your grand work as outlined in THE FIELD AFAR, wishing it every blessing and success. I enclose a small amount for an Associate Membership and ten ordinary subscriptions at your discretion.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Signed) JAS. J. FOX, Bp.



SHEPHERD OF THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL

We need only glance at Pius X to learn how magnificent and stubborn a character may be developed on purely orthodox lines, by a training into which not one single principle has been admitted from outside. Your common schools in America, we are told by observers, do not create strong men. But the Catholic seminary does; the master of novices in any religious order knows how it may be achieved. Heroic resistance to evil seems in the eyes of Pius X as plain and clear a duty as attending on lepers in Molokai seemed to Father Damien. Our annals of the latest canonized men and women are crowded with figures like these. The Catholic standard is always heroism; and every good priest or nun expects to be found in some minority which wins by suffering.

Canon Barry in the Atlantic Monthly.

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ALEXANDRIA, LA., March 16th, 1912.

I am happy to learn that the American Seminary for Foreign Missions is now an accomplished fact, and I sincerely hope that it will be a decided success from the start.

We still do need missionaries at home but your institution will be the very means to awaken the missionary spirit among our young men, and I have no doubt that the help we extend to the fields afar will bring in blessings for the missions at home.

With my very best wishes and blessing, I am

Most sincerely yours in Xt.,

*C. VAN DE VEN,
Bp. of Alexandria.

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We are gradually succeeding in reducing the cost of our own publications, with consequent benefit to purchasers.

The beautiful new edition of "An American Missionary" (Fr. Judge, S.J., in Alaska) is now only seventy-five cents, postpaid.

ARCHBISHOP'S RESIDENCE,
NORWOOD, OHIO,

March 22, 1912.

I heartily congratulate you on having started a Foreign Missionary Society in the United States. We are indebted to the Nations of Europe for the blessing of Faith, and gratitude should prompt us to be instrumental in bringing this gift to those who do not as yet enjoy it. I hope that ere long you will see a flourishing Seminary at Hawthorne from which zealous and self-sacrificing priests will go forth to evangelize the unbelievers.

I will gladly do all to encourage the good work and assist in promoting it. May the Giver of all good gifts bless you and all associated with you in this laudable undertaking.

Sincerely yours in Xt.,

(Signed) HENRY MOELLER,
Archbishop of Cincinnati.

The Bishop's Residence,

Duluth, Minnesota,

The establishment of a Foreign Missionary Seminary cannot but bring a host of blessings on our own Seminary work in this country.

In many places, out West, we are still in the position of missionary lands, but we are fairly able to meet the wants of our Catholic people.

We have a growing new Paganism all around us—worse than the Paganism of old, because it is a rejection of Christ and His holy law—but the raising up of Levites to meet the one will bring us strength to meet the other.

I hope that the Catholic Foreign Missionary Society will get abundant aid, and be remembered by the charitable everywhere.

I am yours sincerely in Xt.,

(Signed) JAMES MCGOLRICK.

THE BISHOP'S HOUSE, LEAD, S. DAKOTA.

I have always felt and maintained that the mission spirit is a vital element of a healthy condition of religion and that it largely determines the supernatural vitality of the individual as well as that of a religious society of congregation.

I might be easily tempted to think that in this particular jurisdiction there is enough local demand for all the efforts that we can possibly put forth, but the diocesan collection for the Home and Foreign Missions has always been considered and urged as one of our first duties. We have suspended the collection for the Seminary this last year because of the distress caused by the drought but though we can expect only a pittance, we have taken up the Mission offering at the appointed time.

Trusting I may be able to do something besides offering my prayers for your good and noble work, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*JOS. F. BUSCH,
Bp. of Lead.

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It is not our intention to ask the services of any priest in connection with the new Seminary. We believe that God will provide gradually for our needs, and we shall content ourselves to make known, as far as possible, the character and progress of our work, leaving the rest to that 'inner voice,' and to human wills. We are open to offers.

Peoria, Ill.

The Foreign Missionary Seminary established at Hawthorne, N. Y., has my most cordial approval. Theologians tell us that the mark of Catholicity proving the Church's divine origin does not consist in mere multitudes of one or of a few nationalities, but in the large membership composed of many diverse nationalities having opposite temperaments, tastes and customs. Thus we see realized in Holy Mother Church the prophecy of Isaiah declaring that "the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard with the kid; the calf, the lion and the sheep shall lie down together; and a little child shall lead them."

If the membership of the Church were restricted 'to those at home,' it would not be Catholic.

Wishing you and your co-laborers every grace and blessing in your meritorious work, I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

(Signed) EDMUND M. DUNNE,
Bishop of Peoria.

Bishop's House, Natchez, Miss.

I am following with interest the development of the American Foreign Missionary movement. It is hard to appreciate foreign needs with so many domestic ones clamoring for recognition. I hope you may be able to do for foreign lands what the "Catholic Church Extension Society" and the Indian and Negro bureaus are doing for us here in Mississippi. This country is big enough to care for missions both home and foreign; they do not overlap nor conflict. Catholicity always grows deeper and stronger where the foreign mission spirit is fostered and encouraged. To deepen and broaden our Catholic charity will strengthen our home work, widen the scope of our Extension work and give our young men an ambition to carry the Gospel truth in an American garb to regions where our country is only known as the land of dollars and divorces.

Wishing you every blessing and every success and the continued favor and protection of the Holy See.

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) JOHN E. GUNN,
Bp. of Natchez.

Bishop's House,
Savannah, Ga.

It is many years since the late Cardinal Vaughan of holy memory visited the States in the interest of the work at Mill Hill, and he told a characteristic story of Cardinal Manning. When soliciting aid in London, Dr. Vaughan was frequently told of the many and pressing needs of the Home mission work and reminded that Charity commences at home, and so after listening to this story until he tired of it, he spoke of it one day to Cardinal Manning, who promptly said that he was convinced God would never prosper the work in England unless England did something for the neglected work of Foreign Missions.

We must say the same. The curse of any land in a spiritual sense is the growth of a narrow, sectional or national religious spirit. We are of one family if we are children of God and brothers of Christ. Though it was said by a Protestant preacher of Protestants, yet I fear it is to a certain extent, true of many Catholics: "Many persons think that Jesus Christ died to make us good Americans."

May God bless your labors and crown them with merited success, for with the success of the Foreign Missionary work will come

many and choice blessings on our Domestic Missions. How a Catholic, with a knowledge of what God has done and is doing for him, can fail to do anything in his power to bring the "good tidings" to others is to me a mystery.

Wishing you every success, I am

Most sincerely,

(Signed) BENJ. J. KEILEY,
Bp. of Savannah.

St. Paul, March 23, 1912.

I congratulate you on the success which has heretofore attended your project of opening in the United States a Foreign Mission Seminary; I pray the Master of the harvest-field that, as years go by, conditions be such as to continue this success on a still wider scale and give ample justification to your present noble hopes.

The church of America, no less than its sister-churches of Europe, should, at least henceforward, do its full part in spreading the light and grace of the Gospel over the lands yet seated in the vales of heathen darkness. The time has come when no excuse may be offered for further abstention from a participation in this holiest of works.

Apart from its other merits, a Foreign Mission Seminary will be of inestimable value to Seminaries having as their prime object the formation of priests for the ministry in America itself. To those Seminaries a Foreign Mission Seminary, situated in close proximity, will continuously offer, in vivid, heroic form, the example of that zeal in the winning of souls which should be found in all priests, wherever their lot is cast, however difficult, or however easy the circumstances be that surround their ministerial labors.

I have always believed that one of the surest incentives to priestliness of spirit I could set before the pupils of my Seminary is the recital of deeds and trials of missionaries in heathen lands.

Very sincerely,

JOHN IRELL,
Archbishop of St. Louis.

NEW ORLEANS, La.

I am happy indeed to read of the progress you have already made towards the establishment of an American Seminary for Foreign Missions. The warm and encouraging words of the Holy Father himself, the very favorable consideration given the project by the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda and the deep interest it has manifested in it, together with the earnest support promised by the Hierarchy of the United States, must fill you with hope for the future of the work to which you have so unselfishly consecrated your energies. With such a beginning, you may confidently look to Heaven for guidance in the uplifting of this timely and truly providential institution.

It will be a proud and blessed day when you shall be able to send forth self-sacrificing priests, imbued with the true missionary spirit, to carry the standard of Christ in foreign lands. I already begin to look forward to their great achievements for the glory of God in fields afar, for the prestige of our great country cannot fail to make it easier for them than it is perhaps for those of other countries to gain a hearing. Besides, the knowledge, which is not common in those regions that the American flag waves over sixteen millions of Catholics who look to it for protection and are its most loyal defenders, will serve to gain greater respect for the Church, and thus, the first step will be made towards gather-

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ing into her fold those who knew her not or despised her.

May God bless your efforts and make them so successful that we may one day look upon the American Seminary for Foreign Missions as the glory of the Catholic Church in America.

With every best wish and the assurance of my most earnest prayers, I am,

Faithfully yours in Christ,

† JAMES H. BLENNY,
Archbishop of New Orleans.

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BISHOP NILAN, of Hartford, in a recent pastoral to his clergy, touched as follows on the vital subject of missions:

Those who help an apostle in his work by prayer and alms, and thus increase the fruit of his labors, must share in his reward.

The sacrifices undertaken by these apostles to plant the seed of the Gospel, the devotion of religious women in school, orphanage and leper camp, ought to excite our compassion and enlist our financial aid. We realize that the calls on the generosity of your people are frequent for charities within and outside the diocese as well as for the upkeep of your parish institutions. Yet, as the best use we can make of a gift is to share it with others, so it is true that they who communicate faith to those who do not possess it, find therein the best preservative of faith in themselves.

While missionaries with infinite patience try to bring the truths of religion within the grasp of the untutored minds, and suffer all the hardships and dangers incident to life among heathen peoples, they have a right to the sympathy and help of those who live in more favored lands and enjoy the gift of faith by inheritance.

Many a priest or nun in some distant land or in our own is probably awaiting anxiously the alms which will come to them through the charity of your people to build a school, a church, a home, or perhaps to provide the bare necessities of life. Their prayers will go up for the cheerful giver, and Christ who gave the command to preach the Gospel to every creature, will give back with interest what is lent to Him.

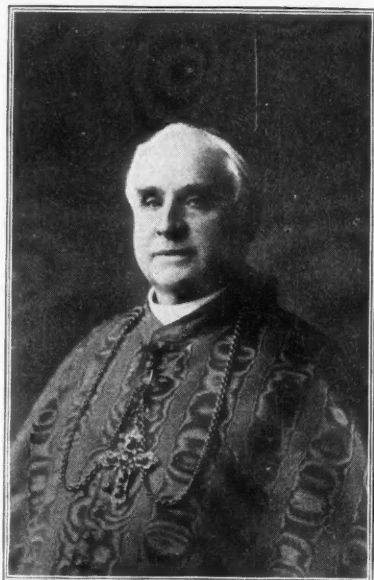
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A burse given in memory of the deceased, will enable us to train a valiant soul for the missions, a priest who will take upon himself the obligation of remembering always his benefactor.

Fifty dollars will make you or your departed relative, a sharer in the burse which we are forming in honor of our blessed little martyr, Theophane Venard.

THE CARDINAL FARLEY BURSE.

THERE was joy in Hawthorne on February 23, when the mailbag disgorged, among other letters, one which we reproduce just as it came and also in familiar type:



"CARDINAL OF THE MISSIONS."

JOHN CARDINAL FARLEY
Archbishop of New York.

February 22, 1912.

"I am in receipt of your letter of 20th inst. and a copy of THE FIELD AFAR. I have read the FIELD with interest and inspiration. I would ask you to put me down as a founder of a bourse in the new Seminary for Foreign Missions. Let me know when you want the money. God bless Father Price and you and the work.

Devotedly in X.,
JOHN CARDINAL FARLEY"

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From the first moment when, after our return from Rome last September we approached the Cardinal Archbishop of New York, we have met, not only with simple, unaffected, and delightful courtesy, but with the most evident sympathy for ourselves and for the work which we are now struggling to accomplish.

Whatever in the plan of God may be its future, the beginning of the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America has been impressed with the seal of an approval which is so much the more welcome since it comes unsolicited, and at a period when the wisdom of the world might suggest—'wait and see.'

The organizers will certainly do their best to merit the confidence so generously placed in them.

CARDINAL FARLEY'S bourse is our first and we have decided to call it after the donor—*The Cardinal Farley Bourse*. It will be always applied preferably—although this condition has not been specified—to a student from within the confines of the Archdiocese of New York.

Other burses, and some half-burses, are in sight. We hope that these will materialize by the Fall, when we expect to receive our first students.

Five thousand dollars is the sum determined upon for a bourse. The interest on this amount will be applied to the support and education of one student.

We desire also to institute several burses by the united offerings of those who cannot afford the full amount but can and will gladly give a lesser sum, and thus become sharers.

We now presume to ask:

For a Bourse in honor of the Sacred Heart	\$5000
For a Bourse in honor of Mary Queen of Apostles, from each of five persons	\$1000
For a Bourse in honor of St. Joseph Patron of the Universal Church, from each of five persons	\$1000

For a Bourse in honor of St. Michael the Archangel, from each of ten persons	\$500
For a Bourse in honor of St. John the Baptist, from each of ten persons	\$500
For a Bourse in honor of St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles, from each of ten persons	\$500
For a Bourse in honor of St. Paul, Apostle of the Gentiles, from each of ten persons	\$500
For a Bourse in honor of St. John the Evangelist, from each of ten persons	\$500

For a Bourse in honor of St. Stephen, Martyr, from each of fifty persons	\$100
For a Bourse in honor of St. Lawrence, Martyr, from each of fifty persons	\$100
For a Bourse in honor of St. Patrick, Apostle, from each of fifty persons	\$100
For a Bourse in honor of St. Boniface, Apostle, from each of fifty persons	\$100
For a Bourse in honor of St. Francis Xavier, Apostle, from each of fifty persons	\$100
For a Bourse in honor of the Blessed Théophane Vénard, Martyr, from each of one hundred persons	\$50

*Any bourse or share in a bourse may be donated if desired, in memory of the deceased.



Feb 22/12

My dear Fr. Walsh:

I am in receipt

of your letter of 20th inst. and a copy of "The Field Afar." I have read the Field with interest & inspiration. I would ask you to put me down as a founder of a bourse in the new Seminary for Foreign Missions. Let me know when you want the money. God bless Father Price & you & the work. Sincerely, John Cardinal Farley

AT HAWTHORNE.

HAWTHORNE is within an hour's run from the 42d St. station of New York City. Its hills are among the most picturesque of Westchester county, but there are times when one feels as far removed from civilization as if he lived in a remote village of Oklahoma.



FIRST AID TO THE NEEDY.

We are not going to complain of the roads, of the lack of stores, of difficulties in securing such precious people as carpenters, plumbers, etc., of the petty quarrels of local politicians in the valley, who wrangle over nothing while the villagers suffer.

The hitch comes when there is no one to pour water into the kettle and watch it boil,—to peel, or at least to wash the jacketed potatoes, to keep stray cats away from the larder.

So far six of the more or less 'devout female sex' have proffered their strength and talents for the indispensable duties of our two small establishments. All along there has been room for one such in each house, and three out of the six came for the love of the cause.

Two remain,—but we hear yet from the others, all of whom have expressed a desire to return to the wilds of Hawthorne. To-day we reproduce "our first at Maryknoll." A gentle character she was, whose ambitions were satisfied when her time was comfortably divided between the household cares and some New York newspaper,—one with pictures preferred.

She was the embodiment of good nature until a ghost began calling on her after sleeping hours,—and, she left for other scenes. We never expect her like, or her size again, but she was really a great help.

The ghost has not been heard from since she left. *She*,—but we must not say more—We will remember her always, with pleasure and thankfulness and her name we will not forget. It is associated in our mind with that of a steam-boat—a side-wheeler, too.

MARYKNOLL.

SINCE we came to Hawthorne this name has been noticed on much of our stationery and has aroused, naturally enough, some curiosity.

Maryknoll is not our post-office. It is rather the title of a dream which we hope will, before long, be realized.

Maryknoll, will, to speak more clearly, be the name of the knoll on which we will locate permanently our seminary building.

THE little nook in our single reception room, which has been set aside as the dwelling place of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, has been made presentable, through the kindness of friends.

At this writing the altar with its tabernacle is being prepared and has a curtained partition of silk damask provided by the generosity of the wife of one of our incorporators. The altar itself is extremely simple, but will answer well our present purpose.

A small rug or strip of carpet would be a welcome addition.

We also lack, in our vestment case,

HAWTHORNE:
Ready to bud.

two colors,—green and black; and if this latter announcement falls under the eyes of some pastor or Superior,

who can spare us a used set of each color, we shall be thankful.

If some reader desires to provide our sacristy(!) with two new sets of vestments (green and black) we will state more explicitly the kind of vestment we would install if we had a choice.

ON the first page of our Seminary Register at Hawthorne, are noted, besides the names of three well-known laymen from the Hub, those of:

Very Rev. John J. Dunn: New York, N. Y.
Rev. J. M. Fraser, Ning-po, China.
Rev. B. Cothonay, O.P. (Prior), Now in Paris.
Rev. Cyril Coudeyre, O.P., now in Holland.
Rev. Victor La Flor, Hawthorne, N. Y.
Rev. Geo. Caruana, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Rev. J. Stanton, Ponkopoga, Oceania.
Rev. Mother Alphonse (Rose Hawthorne Lathrop), with Sr. Rose, Hawthorne, N. Y.
Rev. Fr. Francotti, Milan Seminary, Italy.

The Corporate title of our Society is

The Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America.

The incorporation has been effected in the State of New York over the following signatures:

John M. Farley.
James A. Walsh.
Thomas F. Price.
Patrick J. Hayes.
John J. Dunn.
Victor J. Dowling.
John F. O'Rourke.
Michael Maginnis.

In the list will be noted the name of His Eminence, Cardinal Farley, whose deep interest has been elsewhere remarked; the name of both organizers, and those of the Rt. Rev. Chancellor of the New York Archdiocese, and of the zealous director of the Propagation of the Faith.

Three laymen have also kindly consented to serve,—Justice Victor Dowling, of the Appellate Division, Major John F. O'Rourke, and Michael Maginnis, all in New York city, within convenient reach of Hawthorne.

We appreciate the readiness and goodwill of our incorporators, who have graciously expressed their pleasure, considering the opportunity a privilege rather than a burden.

We ask prayers for the fuller development of a missionary spirit in this country, a goodly number of vocations, and benefactors, sufficient to start and to sustain this much-needed enterprise for God and souls.

Does the idea of contributing a burse impress you? Or towards a burse.

THE CALL.

BY MARY J. ROGERS.

"BUT you can't mean that you are going to let the boy go! The idea is ridiculous! He has every chance for a great career, and we need priests like him. The heathen got along all right before this missionary craze started. Haven't we bread-lines enough to take care of now? And then, Dennis, he is all you have."

Dennis O'Toole, railroad magnate, genial host, faithful friend, the heart of every charitable affair in the town and father of *the Boy*, raised his hand imperatively.

"Stop, Jim! Don't make it harder! I've fought it out by myself. The boy is right and he'll go with my blessing and my love."

A long silence followed. The two friends smoked hard and stared at the glowing coals of the great fire which cast a soft light over the luxurious room.

The Boy was completing his first year at the Diocesan Seminary, and a week before had written for permission to change over to the Foreign Mission House to prepare for a remote field of labor. It was a great blow to Mr. O'Toole whose dreams of this talented only child, had seen him preaching to crowds in the city churches, heard his praises sung, beheld him loved and honored by all. The struggle was over. Faith had triumphed over pride. *The Boy* was to go. He would be a lowly shepherd, a teacher in the wilderness, unknown to the world.

"You've never lived in China, Jim?" There was no reply to this half questioning remark which Jim recognized as the preamble to something Dennis O'Toole wanted to say.

"I was an only boy, too, and when the railroad people offered to send me to China to look over the ground in view of opening up the country, I was wild with enthusiasm. My mother, a widow, didn't think of herself. It seemed the opportunity of a life time and I went off with her blessing. Her only fear for me was expressed in the words 'Dennie, my son, don't forget your prayers.' I never saw her again. She died of pneumonia before I reached the other side.

"Things were pretty black for a time. I was alone—all alone—in the world. But youth rises above every difficulty. The Company backed me liberally and the novelty of the life, the people, the country, filled every moment with interest, and night

found me tired enough and ready for sleep.

"I discovered a little French Church where I could hear Mass, but I hadn't acquired French or Chinese and could profit only by the edifying example of the simple priest and his devout native congregation.

"For two years I travelled through China, from Tonkin to Manchuria. The roads were poor and progress slow. I went as a rule in the *palanquin*, a kind of chair supported on poles and borne on the shoulders of coolies. At first, as we passed through the narrow lanes of the cities, which serve as streets, everything attracted me—the boys gambling with copper *cash*, the ragged, dirty jugglers performing marvellous feats, the festival processions, the gaudy shops, emaciated beggars lying flat in the gutters—and, out on the highways, the water-carriers and the peasants wheeling their barrows of produce to the city markets,—all this was interesting enough for awhile.

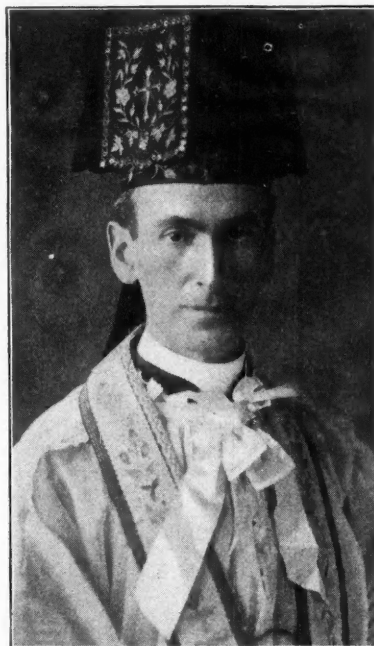
"Occasionally I came upon a church or a convent—but the priests and nuns were always French, German or Italian—anything but English or American. I hadn't approached the Sacraments since I left home and I was getting careless about my prayers. When you start to go, Jim, it's hard to stop.

"I frequently met American Protestant ministers who received me warmly, and with whom I stayed for several days, talking about home, watching them work, and wondering always, why I had not found any of my own to speak the English tongue.

"Then began my inland trip. It was early summer when I left Shanghai to go into the region north of the Yang-tse River. The crowded city was already fever-stricken, and the foul air rising from the filthy streets unbearable. It was good to get away from it all into the open country. The first part of the trip was delightful. The terraced mountain slopes with their tea-gardens, the rice swamps, and the smiling

children weaving baskets at the doors of their quaint rough houses, told of industry. What wonders our railroads could work there!

"At last the poor food we got at inns, fatigue and lack of companionship began to tell on me. One morning I dismissed my carriers, left my simple outfit at the inn to be called for later, took a few clothes and started out.

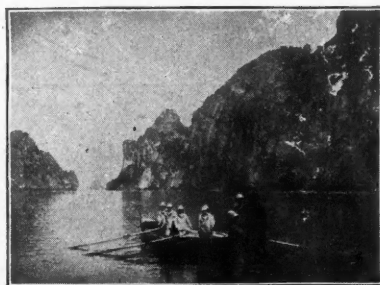


A CANADIAN PRIEST IN CHINA.

"I don't know what I intended to do. I was weary in heart and soul and body. For the first time in months, my mother's words, 'Dennie—don't forget—your—prayers'—started pounding in my head at every step. It was awful. I thought I was going to die and that devils were mocking me, an idea that every leering idol in the roadside shrines, emphasized.

"Toward nightfall I reached a Franciscan Convent where I was fed and housed. But my hosts were foreigners again, and I was still alone—horribly alone. There was no one in the community who could speak English. The next morning I started out in spite of protest, for the good fathers saw that I was far from well, and at noon I arrived at another Protestant mission settlement.

"There at least I heard my native tongue, and I was content to rest for three days with the minister, his wife, and their two children. The physical comfort of those days, the sense of 'hominess,' lured me strongly.



AN INLAND TRIP IN CHINA.

Again my mother's call came, 'Dennis, don't forget your prayers.' But I couldn't pray.

"Dennis O'Toole was losing his faith, Jim, because he was weak and couldn't find a priest to help him."

A line of delicate smoke rings was Jim's only comment.

"Then," continued Dennis, "for my mother's sake I wandered on, away from temptation. I didn't care what happened. That night I lay down by the wayside in a green field under the open sky, and there the miracle was wrought. I prayed, prayed as I did when a child and slept.

"In the very early morning the merry chatter and laughing of children awakened me. I got up and saw some fifteen or twenty boys and girls with as many older people coming along the road. As they passed I noted that some of them carried rosaries. 'Perhaps it is Sunday and they are going to Mass,' I thought.

"Faint and burning with fever, I followed them for about two hours, and at last through the trees on a nearby hill I caught sight of a cross shining in the morning sun. How welcome it was! It would be good to die near it!

"I remember struggling up the hill, and greeting a kindly-looking priest—and that is all, till I opened my eyes three weeks later, in a tiny, low room with the sun streaming in through two small windows on the cot where I lay.

"I was trying to locate myself when a hearty, cheery voice called 'Well, my son, which shall it be, ham and eggs or Boston Baked Beans.' I found later that either order brought rice and coarse bread—but I tell you,—I'll never forget the joy those familiar tones brought to me. A moment later the priest who had spoken appeared. I was so happy I tried to answer but couldn't. He came over to the bed, patted my head and said, 'Poor boy! Go to sleep now. We'll talk later.'

"Well, Jim, the fever had pretty nearly carried me off. It was a month before I could go on. Father McCreagh was an Irishman who, as a boy, had spent several years in America, and the first English-speaking priest I had met in almost three years. There were a few others scattered through that vast territory, but so far as he knew no Americans.

"There he was, working alone. He had built his own house. He was village doctor, nurse and teacher as well as priest, and on top of all

that had given up his bed to me, a stranger, had cared for me day and night and saved me, soul and body. Of course he was poor and often hungry, but to win such souls as he found, for Christ, was worth any sacrifice.

"I grew to love his people too, even in that short time. Their devotion was touching—and put me to shame. The children brought me flowers and pretty stones—just as this boy of mine did later. Reluctantly I left them, finished my work and came home.

"I've never forgotten Father McCreagh—he was a gift from God to me—nor can I ever forget my suffering and loneliness till I found him.

"But the strange thing is this, Jim. When the nurse put the boy in my arms for the first time, the thought came that sometime he might be needed in China. I couldn't bear it, and I tried to drive the idea away, and I've never told the story to the youngster himself. I can see now that his going is another instance of God's goodness to me."

"It's a clear call, Dennis," ventured Jim. "I didn't understand before. If I had a son and he was wanted there, I think I'd let him go, too."

The father of the Boy, and the man who had no son, gazed into the dying embers and followed the long road the Boy must soon take across the Continent and the wide Pacific—to his life-work,—for God and souls."

A SABRE from Tonkin,—the gift of Fr. Basil Huctin, now decorates our little Hall of Martyrs at Hawthorne.

It is a fine specimen of native handiwork.

TWENTY-EIGHT priests of the Mill Hill (London) Foreign Missions are helping out our American bishops in the Philippine Islands.

A year's work, noted in one of their recent reports, included 6,577 baptisms and more than 90,000 Communions.

THE breaking of dykes, which caused overflows and destruction to the crops, has brought on the famine reported in China.

The region affected includes about 30,000 square miles, and the suffering from hunger has been extreme.

A committee is now at work to devise some scheme of river protection, as the only means to prevent this series of awful calamities.

FATHER FRASER, of Ning-po has returned to China after a somewhat extended visit to Europe and America.

He takes back with him the good will of many new found friends, the hearts of some zealous youths who aspire to follow him, and a well fattened purse that will enable him to build at least one more Church.

Fr. Fraser sailed on the *Empress of India* from Vancouver, in company with a young Irish priest, Fr. Galvin, formerly of the Brooklyn diocese.

FR. SYLVESTER ESPELAGE to whom, by the way, we are anxious to send a few dollars, mailed us a photograph some time ago of the priest's house connected with the Holy Name Church at a place called *Wuchang-shien*.

Fr. Sylvester himself baptized the first Christians of this place only two years ago and now there are forty, excellently prepared and baptized, with 300 more waiting anxiously to receive the sacrament of regeneration.

FATHER L. ROBERT of Hongkong, who is probably the best known and most influential Catholic priest in China today, wrote under recent date:

"We are very glad in the Far East to learn that you have succeeded in establishing a Seminary for the Foreign Missions, and earnestly pray to God that He may bless the work, as we hope that within a few years you will be in a position to send some of your priests out here to the Far East.

IN the course of his letter, Fr. Robert comments on the situation in China. At the time of writing, the Republic had not been established, but in

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view of what has happened since, the letter which follows is significant and interesting indeed:

China is certainly opening up and the field is even now well prepared for successful operations. There is no doubt that English-speaking missionaries will be a great addition to the present force of apostolic workers. We are seriously threatened here by Protestant teachers, who too often seem to have no other concern except to antagonize Catholic priests. Some it is true are full of zeal and energy, and are also evidently sincere in their desire to preach Christianity, but these unfortunately are all too few.

China is, as you know, very much disturbed at the present time and the Manchurian dynasty is doomed. (Fr. Robert's letter was dated in January; and since then the republic has been established.—Ed.)

The people desire to have a change and it is very easy to foresee that it is practically already made. China had a bad government, just now she has no government, but the leaders of the reforming party are trying their utmost to organize a new China. I hope and we all hope that they will succeed, but for the next two or three years we must be content to suffer and expect certainly some disasters, because in many places there is no authority and one may take into his own hand what he believes to be the law. Providence will watch over us until we see the end of our trouble.

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THE Catholic medical mission to the native women and children of India, started by an English woman physician, is located at a place called Rawal Pindi, in a section controlled by Mill Hill priests.

Our Holy Father has approved the work and gives a special blessing to all co-operators. The Hospital connected with this work will be in charge of Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, whose large experience in Government Hospitals in Southern India will be most helpful.

A woman doctor fully qualified, will be in charge. If, among our readers, there are physicians or nurses to whom this work appeals, we will give them further information. Elsewhere in this issue there is a further reference to this good work.

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A CONVENT of the Good Shepherd in India has some friends—nuns also—in this country who are anxious but unable to send some help to their Sisters-in-religion beyond the seas.

The missionary sisters are at Bangalore rescuing penitent women and caring at present for 190, with 28 more enrolled in the community of Magdalens. They also conduct an infant asylum which houses 250 little orphans.

Native women work under their direction, nursing the tiny wrecks of humanity.

The pressing need of these Good Shepherd nuns is to throw down a

condemned shack in which they live, and through whose roof the rain finds countless openings; and to provide a substantial dwelling.

THE FIELD AFAR will gladly forward alms for this purpose.

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FR. SCHOEMAKER, who writes the letter which follows, is a Hollander from the Mill Hill (English) Seminary. He makes an unusual plea,—for aid to enable him to cultivate in his mission the growth of rubber and coffee, which will in time, he assures us, render his mission self-supporting and capable of considerable development.

It is with very great pleasure that I receive THE FIELD AFAR. I hope you will continue my subscription.



LEARNING TO BE 'WHITE.'—AT NAGALAMA, BRITISH EAST AFRICA.
(Photo sent by Fr. Matthews, of Uganda.)

This time I am going to write to you about something which has no direct connection with missionary work, but goes very far towards furthering it.

Some time ago Bishop Hanlon appealed in THE FIELD AFAR for money to make this mission self-supporting.

Let me put the case before you. What would you do if you were in a mission where the soil is magnificent, the rainfall abundant, and labor cheap and plentiful? What, if in addition to all this, you have plenty of ground and Europeans are starting plantations on every side?

You will say don't lose the opportunity, and make your mission self-supporting with plantations.

Now, there is no mission like Uganda, which has such golden opportunities.

First of all, we have here plenty of ground. Here, in and about Namilyango, we have more than a square mile of unoccupied land, all magnificent soil,—and an abundant rainfall.

I have had it examined by a European expert who pronounced the soil here suitable for any plantation.

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Some twenty European settlers have begun plantations here during the last six years, and some of the older ones are already paying a good dividend, notwithstanding the fact that the manager receives a yearly salary of \$2500.

Now, what has been done so far in our Uganda Mission (Upper Nile Vicariate of Bishop Hanlon)?

One plantation of about 70 acres (rubber, coffee and para) was begun by our fathers at Nsambya some years ago, and now begins to pay. In the other Uganda missions nothing has been done so far. Why not? I can speak for this place.

We are here 3 priests, 15 catechists; we have more than 2000 baptized Christians; daily more than 200 people under instruction, and a school with 200 children. To keep our church, schools, catechists, catechumenates, people and ourselves we receive every year \$200 (two hundred dollars), how can we save money from this?

Yet, not being able to bear the thought of losing such a golden opportunity, I have, on my own hook, planted 4000 rubber trees and 5000 coffee trees. I hope to bring up the number of coffee trees to 10,000 this year.

So far my expenses have been about \$100. To plant out the 10,000 coffee plants will not cost me more than another \$50.

Then I have to keep it clean for another two years, which will not cost more than \$175 in all.

After two years the coffee trees will begin

to bear, and will go a long way to help on this mission.

This year the price of coffee was 51 shillings (a little over \$12.00) the hundred pounds, and when the tree is good they reckon on a crop of two pounds from every tree. After two years the coffee will commence to bear, and after four years the rubber is fit to be cut.

People often say, "can't those missionaries do something to keep their places self-supporting. Why have they always to beg?"

Now that I have made an attempt here, I trust you will give it a fair hearing, and lend us a helping hand, if possible.

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

C. SCHOEMAKER.

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OVER-SEA MESSAGES.

WE wish to acknowledge kind words of congratulation and the assurance of prayers for the new Seminary from the Superior, another, "J. Anthony", Franciscan Monastery, Bellary, India.

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BISHOP BENZINGER of Quilon, India, lately made a pilgrimage to the celebrated sanctuary of St. Francis Xavier, and was good enough to write to us from that holy shrine.

"I have prayed much for you and for the important enterprise in which you are engaged, here at the shrine of St. Francis Xavier. This sanctuary is in the south of my mission and I have had the privilege of celebrating Mass in the midst of a great concourse of Christians and pagans. May St. Francis make you always conscious of his protection.

With all my heart I wish you a year full of grace and merits. Have good courage and great confidence in Him in whose Name you labor. Praying for each other, I am

Sincerely yours,

ALOYSIUS MARY,

Bishop of Quilon."

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OTHER friends write from their far off missions:

I want to tell you with what joy I learned of the foundation of an American Seminary for the missions. I am praying for the success of this apostolic work.

PIERRE COTREL, Nagasaki, Japan.

I learned with great joy of the encouragement that you received at Rome for the establishment of an American Seminary for Foreign Missions. I congratulate you on your success and I pray most fervently for the completion of your undertaking. I shall pray also for your future missionaries, called by God to extend the kingdom of Jesus Christ on earth.

FR. FRAISSE, E. TONKIN.

I see by the papers that a Seminary for Foreign Missions is to be established in America. This is the best and most important piece of news I have heard for a long time. *Deo Gratias!* The want of English-speaking missionaries is one which is felt in many parts of the world. The American Seminary for Foreign Missions will be a powerful factor in supplying this want. It often struck me, when reading of the great and providential progress made by the Church in America, that one jewel was wanting in the crown of the Catholic Church

in the Republic of the West. But such will not be the case for the future, since the Foreign Mission Seminary is now to become a reality.

It is not often I desire to be rich in the goods of this world, but I confess now is the time when I wish I could help you. At least if I have no material help to give, you will allow me and my good natives to help you by our prayers. It is the only way we have of paying you the debt of gratitude we owe you.

THOS. FOX, S.M.

Suva, Fiji.

Whether your college will afterwards have India or any other country as its missionfield, I don't know. However, whatsoever country will be helped by it, I feel happy because a new college has been erected and because it will bring nearer the time of which every missionary is dreaming, viz.: the days of one shepherd and one fold.

May God bless the work. May He help in the arduous task. This is not only my wish, but it will also be the object of my prayers. I promise you that you and your college will have a special remembrance in my daily Mass.

J. AELEN, JR., B. E. India.



BISHOP FOLEY IN HIS NEW HOME.

I have received your valuable paper which I read most pleasantly. I cannot help praising your country. I have to convey, too, my most hearty congratulations for the new movement in starting a seminary for foreign missions. The amount of experience I have got in like institutions helps me to understand both the heavy burden you are putting upon your shoulders and the benefits which will come thereof.

I am writing in the Spanish magazine, a 'Misiones Catolicas,' which appears at Barcelona, all about your project to interest the Catholics there in your behalf. From the columns of the same paper I am sending to you my approval and congratulations which will surely embody the idea of the Catholics of Spain.

I hope to continue all about the future of the institution.

Yours very sincerely in Xt.,

FR. BRUNO, O.C.D.

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FROM his new home in the Philippine Islands Bishop Foley has sent some interesting photo-post cards, one of which we reproduce. We recognize the 'Too-gay' Bishop and his genial secretary.

The group was taken at a place called *Aparri*, outside the church of that place. It includes as the Bishop writes, "native priests, the V. G. of Vigan, fair ladies, brave men, and the eternal and ubiquitous small boy."

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In one of St. Teresa's letters, speaking of herself in the third person and referring to her foundations, she says:

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"Her prayers and those of the houses she founded were always animated with an ardent desire for the propagation of the faith. It was for this object as well as for the good of the Order that she commenced these foundations."

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

A MOTHER writing from Kansas City, promises prayers and Communion for our work and prays that her sixteen year old may be privileged to enter the Seminary for Foreign Missions.

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THE Superior of the Ursulines in Alaska is anxious to get in touch with young women who have an ambition to save souls in the difficult places of this earth, and who would be willing to go as far as Alaska.

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WE thank the Reverend Editor of the 'Sheaf', (Dublin, Ireland) for his 'best felicitations,'—as expressed in the current issue of that excellent little magazine; and we have taken note of his desire that Irish students destined for missions in the Philippines, should receive their theological training in America, preferably at the new Seminary. There is much to be said on this important subject which later we will gladly give all due consideration.

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A DOLLAR BILL came into our possession, some time ago, to be given to the first missionary leaving our Seminary for China. Fr. Fraser, of Ning-po, who was visiting our little retreat when the gift arrived, claimed it, and we gave him the benefit of the doubt, though we still believe the offering was intended for our own first alumnus—who will he be?—destined for the Chinese mission. We are minus the dollar but have also been relieved of a responsibility; and we do not know whether to be sad or to rejoice.

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OUR confrère, Fr. Price, has been working quietly, mining in Maryland and Pennsylvania. He has not been seeking coal, nor has he found any startling nuggets of gold.

He has discovered, however, some good hearts and ardent souls, yielding promises of many prayers, Communion, Rosaries and even penances, all to be offered for our work.

Seminarians from St. Mary's, Baltimore, students from St. Charles, and pupils of the Convent of the Holy Child Jesus in Philadelphia, have sent in Apostles Aid slips filled with prayer promises.

Similar assurances have been offered also by the students of Mt. St. Agnes College, Mt. Washington, and Notre Dame College (both in Maryland) who have forwarded, in addition, generous lists of subscribers to THE FIELD AFAR.

ARCHBISHOP IRELAND, we are glad to notice, is pushing the book-rack idea. He has recently expressed his earnest wish that in every parish Church there shall be a rack or, at least, the simple table, on which pamphlets bearing on things Catholic, may be displayed and kept for sale.

The idea is commonly carried out in Great Britain,—and with much success. We know also of several priests in this country who have experienced gratifying results from the installation of a book-rack in the Church vestibule and elsewhere.

If any of our priestly readers intend to take up the book-rack idea, we shall be pleased to supply them with copies of THE FIELD AFAR, and with what foreign mission pamphlets we keep on hand, at the lowest possible cost.

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DISQUIETING news has reached us about our venerable friend, Canon Eusebius Vénard, brother of the Martyr, Blessed Théophane.

A few weeks ago, a letter came from the Curé of St. Loup, the parish where the 'Blessed' and his brother were born, stating that Fr. Eusebius had been declining in health for several months.

Forced to give up his regular duties, the old priest, went over to his friend, Fr. Bastare—Curé-dean of his native village, about five miles from his own home and fell ill. He was in bed when the Curé wrote and since then we have heard no news.

We ask prayers for dear old Father Eusebius whom not a few among our readers hold in affectionate remembrance.

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ONE day last June, while in Rome, the editor called on the rector of the Propaganda College, a priest whose praises many interested in our work had been sounding.

It did not take long to discover the missionary in Monsignor Bonzano.

We thought at first that we were to meet his secretary, when the slender figure appeared in black cassock with no touch of color. He was pleased to learn of the proposed Seminary, spoke with regret of his return from Shensi, China, and to several questions asked, gave answers which we have kept for present and future guidance.

Monsignor Bonzano is an alumnus of the Pontifical Seminary of SS. Peter and Paul for the Foreign Missions (Rome). He remained on the Chinese mission six years and had to return on account of a serious illness.

He is now Archbishop and Apostolic Delegate to the United States, and we are glad to feel that so good a friend of the foreign missions is near us.

Blessed Théophane Vénard

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FOR the benefit of many among our readers who have not seen the splendid report issued by Monsignor Dunn, the New York Director for the Propagation of the Faith, we quote the following:

The contribution of the New York Office, through the SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH to the missions of the world for 1911, exceeded even that of the previous year by more than \$8,000.

The amount seems large. One hundred thousand dollar looks big in print. Yet what does it represent? Less than one cent per capita of the Catholics of New York. Considered in this light, it is really a small amount. It is one, moreover, which has hurt no parish activity. On the contrary it has helped, financially and spiritually, those parishes which have been most generous in their contributions. We believe, with most people, in the old principle that "charity begins at home," but we do not believe that it ends there. The charity that begins and ends at home is not charity, but selfishness, which dwarfs the religious spirit of a parish as it does that of an individual. Contributions to the missions are never missed. Like the bread cast upon the waters our charities to the missionaries return a hundredfold, not only in spiritual blessings, but in an increased generosity among our people toward home needs. This is the experience of the parishes which stand at the head of our roll of honor.

The net contribution, excluding collections made by visiting missionaries, was nearly \$110,000.

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SHORTLY before his death the late Monsignor Burtzell of Kingston, N. Y., sent to Hawthorne an unexpected gift of fifty dollars for the 'new Seminary for foreign missions.' He announced it as a 'first installment' and thoughtfully added:

I am much interested in your undertaking and I shall be glad to assist you in this splendid work. We have been waiting even too long, as a large body of Catholics, for direct participation in one of the primary duties of Holy Church.

Very sincerely yours,

R. L. BURTSSELL."

Dr. Burtzell, a stranger to us (and we regret not to have known so fine a soul), died, then, a special friend of our work and has been enrolled in perpetuity as an Associate, sharing in the Seminary prayers and the sacrifices of those connected with it. Mary, Queen of apostles, receive him!

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Send for a mite-box.

THE APOSTLES' AID.

WE urge our readers to join the St. Peter Claver Society in its *crusade of prayer* for Africa, which will be carried on this year from the 19th to the 27th day of April.

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THE *Apostles' Aid* idea is catching. Already more than 200 cards have been received from young and old, with assurances of 350 Rosaries, 562 Communions, 603 attendance at Mass, 90 Novenas and 7,266 other prayers; with promise even of penances and, from not a few, the welcome resolve to make known to friends the character of our work, interesting them at the same time as subscribers to *THE FIELD AFAR*.

Our *Apostles' Aid* card, has already made its way into the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and will push out through the country to win pleaders before God for the cause that is all His. Send for one.

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OUR prayer co-operators are gradually extending over the earth and even now we have practical assurance that at every hour of the day petitions are rising to God in favor of the newly projected "American Foreign Missions."

The Superior of a Franciscan Convent near London writes in a recent letter:—

"You will be pleased to know we have decided to offer Holy Communion and give you all indulgences attached to our pious practices and all that we do on the last Sunday of every month. We will also say the Rosary every Thursday in honor of The Blessed Sacrament, for the intention you mentioned to us when you were here."

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A FRANCISCAN nun writing from Minnesota thus expresses her interest in our *messenger from the wilds*:

"Please find enclosed our subscription, for one year, for the dear and welcome *FIELD AFAR*. Would to God that I were able to send you what I think it is worth. I am sure it will do a great amount of good and touch many hearts.

I certainly hope and pray that the grand work will meet with every blessing you would like to have. I think you were indeed very considerate when only asking one Holy Communion a month from the friends of the work. I do not think I am doing too much to give a memento after my Holy Communion every morning, and shall willingly offer my fast of the Holy Season of Lent for the same intention. With best wishes and God's choicest blessing on the work you are engaged in.

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The glory of the Lord shall be revealed; and all flesh shall see the Salvation of our God.

WE are praying and having prayers said for all Associate Subscribers, living and dead. Masses are offered for these every Friday, also Communions and special prayers.

We are also gradually securing the co-operation of missionaries and their simple flocks in all parts of the heathen world.

In this country, too, our '*Apostles, Aid*' members, in reality a goodly number, in prospect a vast host, will join with the above, that they may help those through whom we are helped.

We ask our readers to render us regular service by prayers—(why not the Friday Rosary and a monthly Communion?) and to include always our benefactors in their suffrages.

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For nearly a decade of years we have tried to gather for the toilers in remote missions and, to a more limited extent, we continue this service.

In return, we ask from our missionary beneficiaries the favor of some special prayers for our present work and for the benefactors of our Society. We would have those prayers preferably on Friday, of every week, that they may unite with the Masses and prayers offered in this country on that day.

If our missionaries will kindly notify us we will register the measure of their co-operation, which will be a satisfaction to us and to our friends.

Remembrance for a Legacy

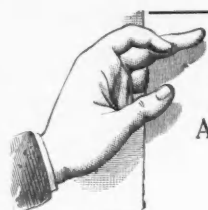
THE CATHOLIC FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY OF AMERICA

WE request a special remembrance of the following, whose names have been enrolled on our memorial associate list since our last issue:

Rt. Rev. Thomas Magennes; Rev. John Harkins; Very Rev. Richard L. Burtzell; Rev. James A. Doonan, S. J. Annie Fallon; Elizabeth Gaughran; Margaret Hackett; Thomas H. O'Connor; John W. Fraser; Mrs. Rose Cunningham; Agnes M. Gately; Rev. William A. Power; M. Agnes Power; Hannah M. J. Scannell; Catherine Sullivan; Thomas J. Kane; Mrs. Looby; Mrs. Dunlea; Joseph D. Fallon, Jr.; F. Cleve Murphy; Mrs. Mary A. Welsh; Elizabeth Gaughran; Ellen Delaney; Anna Riley.

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Pray for vocations to the foreign missions.



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Every Friday in the Year

THE Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered for our associate-subscribers and for all other benefactors, living and dead, of our society.

EVERY day special prayers are offered for these benefactors.

HOLY Communion and the Rosary are offered every Friday by many hundreds of people now—soon by thousands—for the intentions of our Society.

FROM Mission Lands in various sections of the world assurances are given to us of similar co-operation for our new work and its benefactors.

LAST and not least—Our Holy Father sends his Apostolic Blessing, not only to the founders but "also to our beloved children, the benefactors, who will help to carry out this work."

OUR YOUNG APOSTLES.

Any young apostle who can secure twelve subscribers for *The Field Afar* should write to Fr. Ignatius for a list book and start this good work without delay.

In this way a boy or a girl can begin, even while young, to do real apostolic work.

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FR. IGNATIUS is almost too busy a man to get lonesome, but one day a few weeks ago, he remarked to the editor of *THE FIELD AFAR* in their little living room at Hawthorne that he had received no letters from any young friend, boy or girl, for a whole week.

The next day, as the mail bag arrived, he prepared himself for another disappointment, when, to his delight, from a fattened envelope with a South Dakota post mark (*South Dakota*, mind you, you eastern youths of the Atlantic border)—there dropped a veritable bunch of letters revealing no fewer than twenty-three young apostles, whose names he had never seen before, but which he is going to print now so as not to forget them. He hopes the spelling is correct and that he will be able to pronounce each name when the owner presents himself or herself at Maryknoll as a candidate for the foreign missions.

Here then are the names:

Clarence Stemper.....	Age (?)
Edward Jungwirth.....	Age 11
Bernard Christy.....	Age (?)
Edward Stimper.....	Age 12
Joe Lingemann.....	Age 10
Martin Unger.....	Age 12
Frank A. Mueller.....	Age 17
Laurence Mueller.....	Age 12
Edmond Weiss.....	Age 15
Ed. Haider.....	Age 14
Mary Weiss.....	Age 13
Mathilda Haider.....	Age 13
Lizzie Leitner.....	Age 13
Lina Ludeman.....	Age 12
Clara Ludeman.....	Age 12
Anna Zens.....	Age 10
Margaret Christy.....	Age 11
Agnes Jungwirth.....	Age 9
Ida Lingemann.....	Age 13
Edith Puettmann.....	Age 13
Carolina Haider.....	Age 12

Fr. Ignatius, shortly before writing these names had been giving a talk about St. Patrick, the great apostle of Ireland, and when he finished the list, he asked himself if Ireland hadn't moved over to Germany.

And now you wish to know what all these new apostles wrote about. Well, their letters were short but to the point. Each promised to help the new Seminary for Foreign missions by special devotions and prayers. Some promised Communions, others the Rosary, the Stations of the Cross, Mass attendance, the Angelus, etc., etc.,

each something, and if all were added, it would make a splendid record of co-operation given by our young apostles of Zell, So. Dakota; and the cause of it all, was a nun with apostolic heart, who writes:

St. Mary's Convent, Zell, S. D.
Rev. Father Ignatius,
Hawthorne, N. Y.

Rev. dear Father:

I am a devoted reader of that treasure *THE FIELD AFAR*. I was reading some of the notes to my class in school, I stopped and asked "What will my children do this Lent for this good work?"

The inclosed slips were the outgrowths. I hope you will not refuse the willing offerings of my dear children. They are, I may say, all country children, and for this all the more guileless.



SOME MODEL ALTAR BOYS IN CHINA.

I am sending you their own writings, thinking these would please you better than if I copied them. I think the prayers of little children are so acceptable to the Sacred Heart of dear Jesus.

Some time ago I wrote to Rev. J. Walsh, offering one day in every week, for the benefit of the Foreign Missions. In the last number of *THE FIELD AFAR*, I note with pleasure that other Sisters have made similar offerings. I hope many more will follow, because the object is so grand.

Begging a remembrance in your prayers, I am ever yours in the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with much interest in the Foreign Missions.

Sr. M. VINCENTIA,
O.S.B.

YOUTHS or young men, who feel a strong desire to toil for the souls of heathen people, and who are willing to go afar with no hope of earthly recompense, and with no guarantee of a return to their native land, are encouraged to write, marking their letters personal.

Notice, on this page, our special rates for several subscriptions to the same address.

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WE have received invitations from the Superiors of Boys schools in several parts of the country to address their students.

One, a Xaverian brother, writes suggesting a time just before or after the annual retreat, "when their souls would doubtless be best disposed to listen to the whisperings of the Holy Spirit," and "by God's Grace," he adds, "some of them might be drawn to cast their lots with your most worthy undertakings."

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BENEFACTIONS.

A few of the gifts which have arrived at Hawthorne, were evidently intended to be anonymous, and their envelopes revealed no possibility of tracing and thanking our benefactors. We extend now our thanks, and may God bless these unknown friends.

ONE of our present needs is a tool chest. Garden utensils would be also welcome.

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THE appeal for our little chapel—that it might be made decent—was quickly answered. New York State gave the substantial aid, including a generous gift from Rochester.

Nor did Boston withhold her alms, for the lining of our tabernacle and some altar furnishings, including a chalice from the Sacred Heart academy pupils, are credited to that city.

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TO a generous priest in Wisconsin, we are indebted for the gift of one hundred dollars towards the foundation of the *Catholic Foreign Mission Society building*. The donor has requested that this sum, or at least a portion of it, be applied to an inscription over the entrance,—bearing the words:

Euntes, Docete Omnes Gentes
(Going, teach all nations.)

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A K. of C. from Philadelphia is doing us a noteworthy service. He wrote in a recent letter.

"I herewith enclose you cheque for \$6.00 in payment for 12 yearly subscriptions to THE FIELD AFAR. One of your good priests spoke at St. Anthony's Church yesterday, and as the matter was fresh in my mind I was able to call the attention of the members of the Knights of Columbus to the announcement in the Columbiad for March. I might say here that every male subscriber sent by me is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

I have the promise of several more persons and as soon as I receive enough to fill another book I will forward same to you.

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THE Baroness Von Hoffman of Meran, Austria, has graciously sent to us, for the new Seminary, an unexpected gift of one hundred and fifty dollars.

More precious still, however, is her present, destined for our Hall of Martyrs, of a relic of *St. Lawrence, Martyr*.

This relic, with its *authentica* has arrived. It is encased in crystal and gold and will make a valuable addition to a collection that cannot but serve as an inspiration to our future students.

IT was 'a tidy sum'—one hundred dollars,—and it was all gathered in less than a week by children working under the direction of some zealous Sisters of Notre Dame [Namur].

Twenty-five dollars will be devoted to THE FIELD AFAR, one hundred copies of which will be sent regularly to the school.

The remaining amount is a contribution to our Seminary. A few days later another gift, almost as large, including a memorial associate subscription, arrived from the same source.

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ONE of our most interested workers in Western Massachusetts has sent us in the past few months, besides a large number of subscribers to THE FIELD AFAR, several small offerings of money to be used as gifts for the Seminary.

This friend writes illustrating one method of co-operation:

"I am sending the results of a little concert which Mrs.—had Tuesday night at her home. About two weeks ago we planned to help the foreign missions in this way. After Lent we intend to arrange small affairs successively in several houses so as to interest others in the great work. Our pastor is one of our honored members and our greatest helper. All who are interested intend to give one communion each during Lent, and say the rosary every Friday for the Seminary and for vocations. Each will also secure at least one subscriber for THE FIELD AFAR."

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WE hope the zealous and ever watchful Vicar-general of Fall River will forgive us if we publish a letter from him.

It is too good to keep and if we ask his permission he might not grant it,—and we would be the losers, for the people like to note a priest's patronage of such a work as ours.

Cathedral Rectory,
Fall River, Mass.

I have just finished reading the Feb.-March FIELD AFAR. That is was no loss of time to me I assure you. That is was no loss of time to you, know by the enclosed. It is not much. I have not much—but it is yours for "the good of the work."

I am also sending separate check for (1) *Thoughts from Modern Martyrs*, (2) *Blessed Théophane Vénard* and (3) *Blessed Vénard's Statue*.

It is needless for me to say that in your pioneer apostolic work you have the prayers and masses of

Yours sincerely in Christ,
(Signed) JAMES E. CASSIDY, V.G.

(Fr. Cassidy sent us a generous gift of twenty-five dollars for the new Seminary.—Ed.)

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THROUGH its Reverend Director, we have received from Greenfield Council, Knights of Columbus, a gift of \$5.00 for our work, including a subscription to THE FIELD AFAR.

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SO far we have made no appeal for funds to the oft-approached hierarchy of the United States, yet some gifts have already been added to our treasury from this source. Elsewhere we have announced the princely benefaction of His Eminence, Cardinal Farley.

We have made this widely known for the good it will do, and we wish likewise to record another evidence of good-will from one, who to us is a stranger, but to the cause for which we toil, evidently a warm friend.

The letter which follows will explain:

SS. PETER AND PAUL'S CATHEDRAL,
ALTON, ILLINOIS.

The Rev. Directors, C. F. M. S.
Hawthorne, N. Y.

REV. DEAR FATHERS:

The Bishop desires me to forward to you the enclosed check with his most hearty good wishes for the success of your good work which meets his fullest approval. He hopes at some later time to be able to send another check for the same amount (\$500.00).

I am enclosing also for the Bishop a check for \$5.00 for your paper.

With best wishes, I am,

Faithfully yours in Christ,
M. A. TARRENT, Sec'y.

The "Bishop," whose name does not appear in the above letter is the Rt. Rev. James Ryan, D.D., of Alton, Illinois.

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ELSEWHERE we have recorded that Cardinal Farley, as a young priest, yearned to help the 'toilers in the wilds.' We find the same disposition, not rarely, to-day and these lines give evidence of its presence.

The writer, a young priest, sends five dollars, one for his own *Associate Subscription*, the remaining four dollars, for ten copies of THE FIELD AFAR to be supplied regularly to his Sunday-school.

"Enclosed find my first offering towards the new Seminary. Would that it were a thousand times more,—but in the days to come I hope to make it more.

I wish to do all I can, spiritually and materially, to help on the good work and I only ask in return an occasional prayer.

I promise ten dollars, at least, as my annual gift to the cause."

OUR LIST BOOK

Our *Solicitors' Books* were "scarcely dry from the press" when they began to find willing users.

The *Field Afar List Book* is a small affair (about 5½ by 4 inches) but it is, we hope and believe, destined to accomplish large results. It will first of all multiply our list of subscribers. Then as a rule, a *FIELD AFAR* subscriber (we try not to be too modest) becomes a friend of the work, and if we have enough friends, God's grace will do the rest.

The List Book is made up of sixteen pages, fitted into a cover, on which due authorization is given to the Solicitor by one of the Reverend Directors.

It contains simple and brief information on the following points:

- ¶ *What The Field Afar stands for.*
- ¶ *Why Catholics should be interested in it.*
- ¶ *How to help our New Foreign Mission Society.*
- ¶ *A list of Mission Publications.*

The List Book has twelve detachable coupons for registering the names of subscribers, and will be mailed free on application to any of our readers or their friends.

Address:

Catholic Foreign Mission Society,
Hawthorne : : N. Y.

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AZEALOUS and enterprising priest,—a well-known religious, has been warming the hearts of some Knights of Columbus to our work, and writes of his success. He also suggests, in view of largely extending the usefulness of *THE FIELD AFAR*, that we make a special effort to interest Catholic book stores, large and small, all over this country and Canada:

"There are strung pearls," he writes, "and loose pearls. Strung pearls are the subscribers; loose pearls are the buyers of single copies. Our great magazine depends on loose pearls. Strike out for the loose pearls and you will double the output. Get up a list of small dealers in religious articles in U. S. and Canada. Get your friends everywhere to help you. Give these agents fair rates and take back left overs. Then you may interest other stores too.

A fruit store, near our church sells every month 50 copies of a certain Catholic magazine."

We are about to act on the above suggestion and will be thankful for the co-operation of our readers.

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